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To: CANBERRA
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1. A change in circumstances - and in particular the dissolution of the "BIG HOUSE[BOL'SHOJ DOM]"[i] - necessitates a change in the method used by the workers of our residencies to keep in touch with the leaders of the local FELLOWCOUNTRYMAN[ZEMLYACHESKIJ][iii] organizations on intelligence matters.
2. Our workers, by continuing to meet the leaders of the FELLOWCOUNTRYMEN, are exposing themselves to danger and are giving cause [i group unidentified][b] local authorities to suspect that the "BIG HOUSE" is still in existence.
3. We propose:
 - a) That personal contact with leaders of the local FELLOWCOUNTRYMAN organizations should cease and that FELLOWCOUNTRYMAN material should not be accepted for forwarding to the "BIG HOUSE."
 - b) That meetings of our workers may take place only with special reliable undercover[ZAKONSPIROVANNYJ] contacts of the FELLOWCOUNTRYMAN [D organizations], who are not suspected by the [i group unidentified][b] local authorities, exclusively about specific aspects of our intelligence work (acquiring [i group unidentified] contacts, leads[NAVODKI], rechecking of those who are being cultivated, etc.). For each meeting it is necessary to obtain our consent.

[i group unrecovered]
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representative of the Soviet Union.

No. 4048

VIKTOR[iii]

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- Notes: [a] This message is known to have been sent also to NEW YORK, SAN FRANCISCO and OTTAWA.
[b] The unidentified group is the same in both cases.
- Comments:
[i] BIG HOUSE: The COMINTERN.
[ii] FELLOWCOUNTRYMAN(-MEN): Communist(s).
[iii] VIKTOR: Lt. Gen. P.M. FITIN.